ment (Department of Education) has prepared a detailed curriculum on Remote Sensing for introduction at various academic levels. Department of Space has assisted national Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) to update curriculum related to future science at upper secondary school in the areas of space.So far over 20 book in Hindi, English and in other Indian Languages have been published on various aspects related to the space achievements in India.

Food Processing Units at Nasik and Nagpur

2271. DR. VASNAT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) wether there is any proposal for the setting up of food processing nits in Nasik and Nagpur regions of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage export of onions and fruits which are in abundance in Nasik/Nagpur regions of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). In all 14 application for manufacture of beer, malt spirit and potable alcohol from non-molases sources in the districts of Nagpur and Nasik in Maharashtra have been received. Besides, a proposal seeking financial assistance for an integrated post harvest crop management project for grapes covering, inter alia, Nasik region has been received from the State Government.

(c) National Agriculture Marketing Federation (NAFED) which is the canalising agency for export of onions has adopted 10 villages in Maharashtra for improving cultivation and yield if onions. It has also developed modern onion storages in the main onion growing areas of Maharashtra for export during off season, has set up an organisation for undertaking research on quality of onion and for extension work and taken steps for improvement in unit value realisation. The export of fruits are freely allowed. Agricultural and processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce provides assistance to exporters by providing international market information product promotion, market development, etc. The State Government's proposal of Post harvest Crop Management Project mentioned in reply to parts (a) & (b) above is also for promoting export of grapes.

Encroachments on Government Land

2272. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the action proposed to be taken against the persons who made encroachment on the Government lands and the pavement encroachers in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): The unauthorised encroachments on public lands is governed by the relevant provisions of building Byelaws of the respective municipal Bodies/Local Bodies in the States/Union Territories. It is, therefore, for the concerned Local Bodies to take action against such persons and pavement encroachers in the metropolitan cities.

[*Translation*]

Workers Above Poverty Line

2273. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: